



Coming Events

June 24

Crab, Shrimp and Climate Change

Dr. David Armstrong and Dr. Greg Jensen, both of the University of Washington, will be guests at Feiro Marine Life Center's next lecture scheduled for Friday, June 24th from 6:30-8:30. Greg Jensen is the author of the well known "Pacific Coast Crabs and Shrimps", the first color identification guide to west coast crustaceans. Dr. Jensen will share some of his incredible photos during the presentation and discuss species' life histories. Dr. Armstrong will review his work with the "sustainability" of the Dungeness crab by the Marine Stewardship Council and cover life history and ecology of the species. We expect to have quite a crowd for this lecture, so please call ahead to reserve a seat so we know if we need to go to a larger venue. A \$5.00 donation is suggested to cover costs, program is free to members. Please call 417-6254 for more information or to reserve your seat.

July 15

Sea of Birds: Cape Flattery and Beyond

Dr. Julia K. Parrish, Associate Dean of the College of Environment at the University of Washington, and Executive Director of COASST (Coastal Observation and Seabird Survey Team) will present an evening talk in Neah Bay on Friday, July 15. "Sea of Birds: Cape Flattery and Beyond" will begin at 7:00 in the Makah Marina Conference Room. Julia will profile her research on Tatoosh Island, ecology and natural history of nearshore and offshore birds, and end with a celebration of citizen involvement in seabird research, management, and conservation. The event is co-sponsored by the UW College of the Environment, UW School of Aquatic and Fishery Sciences, Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, and the Makah Tribe.





Honoring our Volunteer of the Year

Staff and volunteers gathered June 9 to honor Jaci Pumphrey, our Volunteer of the Year at Olympic Coast National Marine Sanctuary. While she didn't get the free trip to National Marine Sanctuary headquarters offered to past recipients, she was treated to a Mexican potluck where she received a lovely plaque from headquarters and her own registered piece of the Pacific Ocean.

Thanks to Jacqueline Laverdure everyone at the party enjoyed a lively game of "El Gran Sombrero Caliente" during which we learned many fun facts about Jaci's past, including that she was born in Hollywood, her parents were clowns, and she collects rocks. Jaci began volunteering for OCNMS in 2003. She collects and organizes monthly COASST data from approximately 80 beaches in the Sanctuary and along the Strait of Juan de Fuca, an especially valuable service since Mary Sue Brancato left our office. Jaci also brings her wit and outgoing nature to outreach events for Olympic Coast.

Volunteers

At the Change of Command ceremony when Chris Hollingshead retired as Commander of the USCGC ACTIVE he received an outstanding service award for five successful counter-narcotics patrols since 2009, stopping 9 drug smuggling vessels and capturing nearly half a million dollars in drug profits as well as 20,000 pounds of cocaine destined for U.S. streets. In his remarks Commander Hollingshead credited his crew for the successful missions that led to his award, saying their attitude, effort, and decision to be their best rather than taking the easy way out was what got the job done.

As I listened I realized how true that is for the Olympic Coast Discovery Center as well. As our "crew" volunteers staff the OCDC on long, quiet afternoons and also when it's packed with school groups. You greet guests from all across the United States and around the world, making each person's visit special by sharing your knowledge of the Sanctuary and the peninsula. You volunteer to staff the OCNMS booth at festivals, participate in beach cleanups, and welcomed Thunder Bay staff and volunteers into your homes last summer. Whatever Olympic Coast NMS accomplishes in education and outreach, a big part of that accomplishment is due to YOU. Thank you, Volunteers!

Welcome Dawn Hayes

Olympic Coast National Marine Sanctuary welcomes Dawn Hayes as interim Assistant Superintendent while Carol Bernthal completes

her term as West Coast Regional Director, and George Galasso fills in for Carol. Dawn comes to Olympic Coast from Monterey Bay NMS where she is Education and Outreach Coordinator. Like many of us Dawn is an avid gardener and birder, adapting well to her temporary residence in Port Angeles.



Earthquakes and Tsunamis... Are you prepared?

At our Brown Bag lunch on May 24 presenters Jamye Wisecup and Carol Huard talked about the possibility of a major earthquake and tsunami on the peninsula, and then led a lively discussion about how to be prepared and what to do in an actual emergency. Jamye told us that in the event of a subduction zone quake the ground will shake so violently that people will fall down, and the shaking will last for several minutes. After the quaking stops you may have only a matter of minutes to reach higher ground

before the tsunami arrives. A few of the things to think about before the “big one” hits:

- If you are on the coast, know the evacuation route from your location.
- Plan an out-of-area telephone contact; someone family members can check in with.
- Know how to turn off propane, electricity and water lines to your home.
- Have a NOAA radio and spare batteries in your home.
- Have a 3-day disaster supply kit ready for emergencies.

Stop by the office at your convenience for more information about earthquakes, tsunamis, and disaster preparedness.

Brown bag lunches will resume in September

We had a list of potential speakers, but we also welcome suggestions if there is someone you would like us to invite.